

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 24, 2007. Claims 1 to 8 are in the application, with new Claims 5 to 8 having been added. Claims 1 and 3 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,084,638 (Hare) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,373,503 (Perkes) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,787,259 (Haroun). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns a display apparatus that receives control data sent from a remote controller, selects one of first and second operating modes based on the received control data, and if the second operating mode is selected, the display apparatus is disconnected from an external apparatus so as to make the external apparatus recognize that both the display apparatus and the device connected to the display apparatus are not input/output devices of the external apparatus.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a display apparatus, comprising a receiving unit which receives control data sent from a remote controller, a connecting unit which connects the display apparatus to an external apparatus, and a control unit which selects one of first and second operating modes based on the control data received by the receiving unit, wherein if the control unit selects the first operating mode, the connecting unit connects the display apparatus to the external apparatus so as to make the external apparatus recognize that both the display apparatus and a device connected to the display apparatus are input/output devices of the

external apparatus, and if the control unit selects the second operating mode, the connecting unit disconnects the display apparatus from the external apparatus so as to make the external apparatus recognize that both the display apparatus and the device connected to the display apparatus are not input/output devices of the external apparatus.

Claim 3 is a method claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 1.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to teach the features of Claims 1 and 3, and in particular, is not seen to teach at least the features of a display apparatus having a control unit which selects one of first and second operating modes based on control data received from a remote controller, wherein if the control unit selects the first operating mode, a connecting unit connects the display apparatus to an external apparatus so as to make the external apparatus recognize that both the display apparatus and a device connected to the display apparatus are input/output devices of the external apparatus, and if the control unit selects the second operating mode, the connecting unit disconnects the display apparatus from the external apparatus so as to make the external apparatus recognize that both the display apparatus and the device connected to the display apparatus are not input/output devices of the external apparatus.

Hare discloses to wirelessly connect a TV receiver and a PC 2 or connect them via a wired transmission line. However, this reference is silent on controlling connection/disconnection between the TV receiver and the PC 2 in accordance with an operation mode. Therefore, the reference of Hare does not disclose or suggest that if a second operating mode is selected, a display apparatus is disconnected from an external apparatus so as to make the external apparatus recognize that both the display apparatus

and a device connected to the display apparatus are not input/output devices of the external apparatus, as recited in the amended independent Claims 1 and 3.

Perkes merely discloses a remote controller of a PC and does not teach controlling connection/disconnection between a TV receiver and a PC in accordance with a selected operation mode. Specifically, like Hare, Perkes fails to teach that if a second operating mode is selected, a display apparatus is disconnected from an external apparatus so as to make the external apparatus recognize that both the display apparatus and a device connected to the display apparatus are not input/output devices of the external apparatus, as recited in the amended independent Claims 1 and 3.

Haroun discloses an entertainment computer 15 including a 1394 bus connector 105 and a USB bus connector 110 (Fig.2). However, this reference is silent on that the entertainment computer 15 effecting connection/disconnection of either/both 1394 bus connector 105 or/and the USB bus connector and therefore does not disclose or suggest controlling connection/disconnection between a TV receiver and a PC in accordance with a selected operation mode. Specifically, like both Hare and Perkes, Haroun is not seen to teach that if a second operating mode is selected, a display apparatus is disconnected from an external apparatus so as to make the external apparatus recognize that both the display apparatus and a device connected to the display apparatus are not input/output devices of the external apparatus, as recited in the amended independent Claims 1 and 3.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, amended independent Claims 1 and 3, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Applicants request to conduct an interview with the Examiner once the Examiner is ready to take up action on this Amendment. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to schedule an interview prior to acting on this Amendment.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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